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Docket No. 133860-2 (MHM 14882US02)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)
Zhang, et al.)
Serial No. 10/616,319) **EXPRESS MAIL NO: EV 303 831 310 US**
Filed: July 9, 2003) **DATE: November 17, 2003**
For: Ultrasound Breast Screening Device)
Examiner: Not yet assigned)
Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned)

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), to accept the enclosed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and allow prosecution of this application to proceed.

The present application names five join inventors – Heidi D. Zhang, Robert F. Lawrence, Gilbert M. Lima, Steven C. Miller, and Anne L. Hall. Inventors Lawrence and Lima have refused to execute the enclosed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Inventors Zhang, Miller and Hall have executed the enclosed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney on their own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing inventors, Messrs. Lawrence and Lima, who have refused to join in the application.

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The pertinent facts surrounding Messrs. Lawrence's and Lima's refusal to execute the enclosed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney are as follows and as attested to in the Declaration of the undersigned being filed concurrently herewith.

On July 9, 2003, the application identified above was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Messrs. Lawrence and Lima were sent copies of the filed application, along with the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney on July 10, 2003. Messrs. Lawrence and Lima, however, did not respond.

On August 11, 2003, Messrs. Lawrence and Lima were sent correspondence reminding them of the filed application. Again, however, neither responded.

On October 14, 2003, Messrs. Lawrence and Lima were once again reminded of the filed application. Both were informed that if they did not respond "by November 14, 2003, [it would be assumed] that [they] refuse to sign the Declaration." As of November 14, 2003, Messrs. Lawrence and Lima still have not responded. Thus, it is assumed that both have refused to sign the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

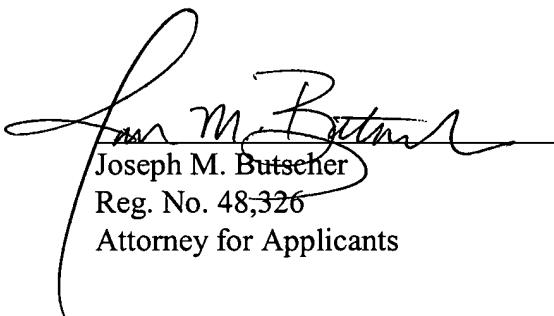
The last known address for Robert F. Lawrence is 65 Glen Haven Ridge; Soquel, California 95073. Mr. Lawrence's email address is "bob.lawrence@u-sys.com".

The last known address for Gilbert M. Lima is 227 Prairie Dog Lane; Fremont, California 94539.

The fee for this petition is understood to be \$130, as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). Please charge this fee, and any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account 07-0845.

Respectfully submitted

Date: November 17, 2003


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